

Dear Mr. Secretary:

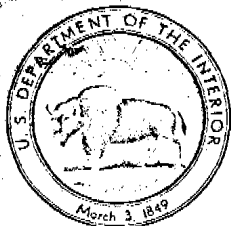
Thank you for taking the trouble to write me  
concerning the Daniel Schorr commentary on  
your interest in visiting Siberia.

Warm regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable  
Walter J. Hickel  
Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1970

Dear Dr. Kissinger:

Responding further to your Tuesday evening telephone call from San Clemente, I can understand your distress over the treatment by the press of my interest in visiting Siberia, as reported by Daniel Schorr of CBS.

I have not spoken with Mr. Schorr for many weeks, so I, too, have no idea what his sources were for developing his commentary. I would suspect he did some calculated speculating, referring perhaps to various items including a story as far back as April 1969, which specifically mentioned my interest in Siberia. There have been a number of other articles along this line in publications including the Reader's Digest, The New York Times, and the Washington Star.

I of course recall your correspondence to me on the subject of a Siberian trip, but naturally such correspondence has been treated in an appropriately confidential manner. Now, although I've neither seen nor heard Mr. Schorr's radio or television commentaries on this subject, you've triggered my curiosity and I'll have to see if my staff can secure a tape, so I'll be up to date.

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. Hickel  
Secretary of the Interior

Hon. Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

August 4, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR HAIG/KISSINGER

FROM: Winston Lord

SUBJECT: Hickel's Letter on  
Schorr's Siberian Story

At Tab B is a letter that just came in from Secretary Hickel on this subject. I don't have all the backup on this issue, but have prepared a brief acknowledgment for HAK's signature at Tab A.

Attachments

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